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(54) Title: BICYCLIC AMIDES

(57) Abstract: Novel compounds of the structural formula (I) are antagonists and/or inverse agonists of the Cannabinoid-1 (CB1) receptor and are useful in the treatment, prevention and suppression of diseases mediated by the CB1 receptor. The compounds of the present invention are useful as centrally acting drugs in the treatment of psychosis, memory deficits, cognitive disorders, migraine, neuropathy, neuro-inflammatory disorders including multiple sclerosis and Guillain-Barre syndrome and the inflammatory sequelae of viral encephalitis, cerebral vascular accidents, and head trauma, anxiety disorders, stress, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, movement disorders, and schizophrenia. The compounds are also useful for the treatment of substance abuse disorders, the treatment of obesity or eating disorders, as well as the treatment of asthma, constipation, chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction, and cirrhosis of the liver.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,420,132 A (GUILLAUMET et al) 30 May 1995 (30.05.1995), column 1 lines 30-70, column 2 lines 1-5.	15,16
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Continuation of Box I Reason 2:

In these claims, the numerous variables (e.g. A, R1, R2, R3, R4, R6, R9, Rc, Rd, Re, Rf, Rg, Rh etc.) and their voluminous complex meanings and their seemingly endless permutations and combinations and the lengthy list of named compounds in claims 15, and 16, along with the numerous methods of use involved make it virtually impossible to determine the full scope and complete meaning of the claimed subject matter. As presented, the subject matter cannot be regarded as being a clear and concise description for which protection is sought and as such the listed claims do not comply with the requirements of PCT Article 6. Thus it is impossible to carry out a meaningful search on same. A search will be made on the first discernable invention of claim 15 which is the compound, N-(2,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1-methylpropyl)-1,4-benzodioxane-2-carboxamide, listed in claim 15 and related claim 16.

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